

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing as the Supervisor of the Town of Poestenkill. Poestenkill is a community of 4500 residents in central Rensselaer County. The western portion of town is somewhat suburban with many open fields while the eastern portion of town is very rural and contains both large uninterrupted forests while the roads are lined with middle and upper middle class housing. Being so close to Albany, our town is blessed by a very educated workforce who depend on the internet and cable for both our recreational and professional endeavors. Unfortunately, the eastern portion of town is not served by cable nor is cell service available as an alternative to cable.

We have been working with Time Warner to bring cable to the eastern portion of town for some time. Unfortunately the rules for the granting of the \$550 million provided in this year's budget have not been finalized and the project for the eastern portion of town has not moved forward.

The Town is interested in the proposed cable broadband merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks because we believe it will be a pro-consumer, pro-broadband company that will provide our community high speed internet services at affordable rates.

New Charter would bring technological advancement and high speed broadband to our region, and approximately 3.2 million of New Charter's estimated 23.9 million customers would be New Yorkers. New Charter has committed to providing us a better experience, and will offer us the latest cloud-based technology, faster download speeds, and 100% digital service. Additionally, New Charter's basement package would offer high speeds of 60 Mbps at a less expensive rate than other companies' comparable offerings, allowing multiple people in the same household to stream high-definition video at the same time.

We also look forward to New Charter's commitment to invest heavily in our region and town's infrastructure with their pledge to build out one million residential line extensions. The extension into our eastern portion of town is critically important so as to provide service to the many professionals that live on the Rensselaer Plateau.

We believe New Charter will bring great benefits to New York, and we hope you will join us in supporting the merger.

Sincerely,

Dominic J. Jacangelo  
Supervisor